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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: PRAVDA ON BERLIN

1. PRAVDA ON MAY 24 CARRIES A TASS ITEM FROM BERLIN REPORTING BRIEFLY ABRASIMOV'S STATEMENT TO THE PRESS "POINTING OUT THE ILLEGAL NATURE" OF THE GENSCHER VISIT TO BERLIN. PRAVDA PARA-PHRASES ABRASIMOV AS HAVING SIAD THAT "IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE QUADRIPARTITE AGREEMENT, AS IS KNOWN, THIS CITY IS NOT A CONSTITUENT PART OF THE FRG AND IS NOT GOVERNED BY IT."

2. SAME ISSUE OF PRAVDA ALSO RUNS A SIGNED COMMENTARY (MAI PODKLYUCHNIKOV) ON BERLIN TITLED "UNFOUNDED CLAIMS." THRUST OF COMMENTARY IS THAT FRG AND WEST BERLIN PRESS HAS MOUNTED A CAMPAIGN ATTEMPTING TO RESURRECT "UNHEALTHY ATMOSPHERE" WHICH WAS REMOVED BY QP. COMMENTARY PRESENTS GENSCHER VISIT AS A FURTHER COMPLICATION ADDED IN RECENT DAYS. (FACT THAT REASON FOR GENSCHER VISIT WAS TO ACCOMPANY THE SECRETARY IS MENTIONED NEITHER IN THIS COMMENTARY NOR IN ABOVE TASS ITEM.) IT EMPHASIZES THAT QP STATES THAT
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"WEST BERLIN IS NOT A CONSTITUENT PART OF THE FRG AND CANNOT BE

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GOVERNED BY IT." COMMENTARY CONCLUDES WITH WARNING THAT "ATTEMPTS TO UNDERCUT THE UNDERSTANDING ON WEST BERLIN, TO CIRCUMVENT THE AGREEMENT, CAN ONLY DAMAGE THE DEVELOPMENT OF MUTUAL COOPERATION. THIS IS NOT IN THE INTEREST OF THE PEOPLES OF EUROPE, NOR IN THE INTEREST OF THE POPULATION OF WEST BERLIN ITSELF."

3. COMMENT. TONE OF COMMENTARY IS NOT HARSH, NOR DO WE SEE ANYTHING SUBSTANTIVELY NEW IN IT. WHILE A PROTEST TO THE THREE ALLIES SEEMS LIKELY, IT IS INTERESTING THAT, IN OMITTINGMENTION OF GENSCHER'S

TRAVELLING COMPANION, PRAVDA REFRAINED FROM ALLEGING U.S. COMPLICITY IN GENSCHER'S VISIT.
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